

Winchester Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, July 23, 2012
6:30pm

Meeting Location: Lord Fairfax Room

Present: Krista Farris (Chair), John Elliott (Vice-Chair), Catherine Mattens, Jules Bacha, Brian Wigley, John Bentley and Kyle Homan

Absent: Matt Mintschencko

City Staff: Brad Veach (Director), Lisa Hamaker (Assistant Director)

Council: Milt McInturff

Media: Vic Bradshaw (Winchester Star)

Guests: Shenandoah Valley Mustang Club members Tommy Dyke and Robert Snyder

Krista Farris called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Approval of June 2012 Minutes

Upon a motion by Brian Wigley and a second by Kyle Homan the June 25, 2012 minutes were approved.

Public Comments:

Mustang Car Club Pavilion Proposal

Tommy Dyke from the Shenandoah Valley Mustang Club spoke to the Advisory Board proposing a plan to enlarge the shelter they built in Jim Barnett Park in 1991. They want to dismantle the old 10'x20' shelter and build a new 20'x34' or 20'x36' one. They have no plans for a sidewalk or electricity. No tree removal would be necessary and there is an existing 10' right of way.

The Club has been fundraising since 2009 to enlarge the shelter. A new wooden structure would cost approx. \$4,500 in materials and \$5,000 in ground work and concrete. A pre-fab metal frame "carport" type structure would cost \$2,795 without the concrete cost. The enlarged structure would hold a capacity of 75-80 people. The club would like to start construction in the Fall of 2012 or early Spring 2013 and are expecting 2 weeks for construction. Once it is completed they would like to have the club's name placed on it.

Brad Veach commented a larger pavilion would increase parking and to be ADA compliant the plan would need to include the concept of sidewalks and accessibility.

Krista Farris would like to know at what occupancy level mandates a parking lot. Farris has asked the Advisory Board members to visit the site and bring questions forward. Brad Veach will also receive information from the Planning Department for parking occupancy.

Chairman's Report:

Neighborhood Park Visits:

Krista Farris reported visits are going well and is serving purposes that needed to be served. She asked the Advisory Board members to continue to submit their reports if they have not done so.

Director's Report:

Skatepark

Brad Veach and Brian Wigley met with some of the people who had previous Skatepark interests. The area at Christianson Familyland Shelter is being considered as a possible location

to convert into a skate pavilion. Currently the shelter area is very under-utilized. The public enjoys that space to skateboard now but cannot use it since skateboarding is not permitted. Cost of modular equipment including installation is just under \$30,000 and has a 20 year lifespan. The same type of equipment could be applicable to bikes as well as skateboards. Total cost of the project would be approximately \$40,000 to \$41,000 after signage, fencing and lights are added. Farris asked if the kits contained pieces the skating community would want. Wigley said all of the pieces would be used due to the crossover style of skaters. In moving forward, the Parks and Recreation Department will hold 2 community meetings in either August or September to put the idea out to the community and obtain their feedback.

Parks and Recreation Fees

Brad Veach will be meeting with the City Manager on Tuesday, July 24 and will provide a presentation at the August Park Advisory Board monthly meeting.

Update on Park Projects

ADA Project:

Money from ADA projects that were not completed in FY 2012 will be carried forward into FY2013.

Athletic Turf:

The project at Friendship Park is almost complete. The sod will be ready in about 2 weeks. Bodie Grim Field is currently being plowed and the old dirt is being removed replacing it with good soil. Rotary Field will be done last. They will be flattening the field and removing the slope in the right side outfield.

Shawnee Springs Trail:

Staff is cleaning and chipping on the foot trail.

Abrams Creek Wetlands Trail:

The department is contemplating a foot trail in the future. Veach stated it would be a good Eagle Scout project idea.

Assistant Director's report:

Lisa Hamaker passed out the Quarterly Reports for the division within the department. Child Care had an early registration that boosted their numbers.

Advisory Board Meeting Dates:

Advisory Board Meeting: Monday, August 27, 2012 @ 6:30pm

Board Comments:

Farris commented on the hard work and dedication of staff during the recent wind storm.

The Bridgeforth Field Fundraiser made approximately \$4,600 and a presentation will be made to the Park Foundation soon.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss Krista Farris asked for a motion to adjourn; John Elliott made the motion; seconded by Brian Wigley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm. Respectfully submitted; Jennifer Stotler; Park Administration Coordinator, August 17, 2012.